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There appears to be some confusion today surrounding the status of the investigation into the Susan Powell case. This will serve as our statement regarding this matter.

There are no new developments in the Susan Cox Powell case. The case remains active and is assigned to a West Valley Police Detective who actively pursues any leads surrounding this case. At this time, however, the case is cold; meaning that all leads thus far have been exhausted.

Regarding computer evidence in this case: Multiple pieces of computer evidence exist in this case, including several computer hard drives. These drives have been examined by West Valley City Police as well as other law enforcement, including the FBI. Several of these hard drives were encrypted. All of the hard drives, with the exception of one that is currently being worked on by the Utah company Decipher Forensics, have been decrypted. These drives did not contain any material of significant evidentiary value.

The hard drive that is currently being worked on by Decipher Forensics is a mirror image of the original hard drive. The original remains in the custody of WVCPD. This mirror copy was placed with Decipher Forensics by WVCPD in 2013. It is the only copy that is being worked on by Decipher Forensics at this time. Shortly after receiving the hard drive, Decipher Forensics was able to get through a "first layer" to reach the encrypted contents of the drive. The encryption itself remains intact. No evidence on this hard drive has been made accessible to anyone, including WVCPD.

Decipher Forensics continues to work on this drive and as technology advances and changes, we continue to explore any new options that might become available to access the contents of this drive. We must, however, make it perfectly clear that this drive, as with other drives we have examined in the past, may hold nothing of evidentiary value. To comment on the potential contents of this drive would be speculative on our part.

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